OUR LINES BROKEN AND DRIVEN

WE LOSE MANY PRISONERS.

REBEL LOSS VERY HEAVY.

THE POSITION REGAINED AT NIGHT.

## Quiet Up to Sunday.

From Gen. Grant's Army.

HEADQES. ARMY OF POTOMAC, Aug. 21, 1864. Our losses at the fight at the Weldon railroad, on Friday afternoon, were greater than heretofore re-

The number of prisoners taken by the rebe put down at fifteen hundred. It seems that our troops were surprised, many of them

being in their shelter tents at the time, trying to escape avy rain that had been falling for several he

the road, in front of the Third Division of the Fifth Corps; but this was evidently a feint for the purpose of About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, they charged in beavy force between the Fifth and Sixth Corps, and

succeeded in turning the flank of the former, capturing Ninth Corps, which had been relieved the

s by a part of the Second Corps, came on sed a fire, checking the advance left of our line west of the railroad, held of the fifth, however, was immediately brought

d Division, General Ayres, which the brigade is commanded by Colonel-in-General Hays, who is believed to be prisoner, as he cannot be

Our whole line was thus forced back, with heavy to killed and wounded. The enemy, however, suffered the elements permit, however, another desperate worse than we did in this particular, his men lying thick | conflict is expected.

all over the field. Before dark our men were re-formed, and being re-insperate charge was made to recover our le we hold at night the line which had been taken from us

Col. Carle is reported a prisoner, as is also Col. Harts Gen. Crawford was shot through the vest and shot in the arm. Lieut. Meade and Mer Cant. Smith, also of Gen. Crawford's staff, had their horses abot while carrying orders, and rallying the men of the various commands. The last named was

Capt. Doolittle, of Col. Whoelook's staff, was ordered render, when he, getting turious at an epithut applied to him, seized a musket and bayoneted the rebel

lanked, when they fixed to the rear, charged and drove the rebels, and took a number of prisoners.

The entire number of prisoners captured by us is about on with some stands of colors. Our loss is estimated at

both parties being busy entrenching themselves. ed to regain possession of the road, while

our forces are as determined to hold it. The prisoners we took belong principally to Beaure gard's and Hill's Corps, and are healthy, although clad

Considerable artiflery firing has been gol

being too great. The Fifth Corps Reinforced-Heavy

Fighting-The Position on the Weldon Railroad still Held. FORTHESS MONROE, Aug. 21, ?

via Baltimore, Aug. 22. }
The mail steamer Dictator, from City Point, arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon, bringing a few more rebel prisoners.

Heavy cannonading commenced at 11 o'clock on Saturday night on our extreme left, in front of the rections. Fifth corps, which continued until 4 o'clock this morning, when it ceased.

Heavy musketry firing continued, however, up to the hour when the mail-boat left, at 10 o'clock this

morning. The fighting is described as of the most spirited character.

It was occasioned by an attack from the enemy for the express purpose of driving our troops from ing, and routed them, killing four and wounding the Weldon Railroad.

Up to the latest accounts they had failed to ac complish their design.

The Fifth Corps had been reinforced and still maintained their hold, and no doubt was expressed Fort Donelson by a portion of Woodward's comof their continuing to do so.

The Strike for the Petersburg and Weldon

NEW-YORK TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1864.

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Farragut's Victory-A Glanco at its Impor Work Yet Before Us.

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by whole companies and turning it bodily over into

Third Division (Gen. Crawford's) took a position across the railroad to the right of Gen. Ayres's Di-

virion, and fronting a wood to the North, from which the railroad emerges from the direction of

Petersburgh. In this direction the enemy soon

made their appearance in large force, and our lines

being designedly well back from the woods in a some-

what sheltered position, from the lay of the land, the

rebs. were compelled for once to come out and give

tion for a while, but could not stand it long,

and finally fell back into the woods, leaving our

forces masters of the field. Meanwhile Ayres and

Cynwford had been equally re-enforced by the fourth

being pitted against the veterans and regulars of

the Fifth Corps, and a part of the Ninth. Generals

Ayres and Crawford were very much dis-

ing, with reference to a permanent connection with

About four o'clock this (Friday) afternoon the

were repulsed with terrible slaughter, our forces

The day has been rainy and unfavorable to mili-

Our Position on the Weldon Railrond

AT THE LEFT IN FRONT OF PETERSBURG, VA.

Henry-Rebel Loss Greater.

desperate conflict is momentarily expected;

by the rain several hundred per cent.

the Shennndonh Vailey

Men to Beinforce Enrly.

American sends the following intelligence:-

Large numbers of refugues from Richmond continue

to arrive here.

They report that a large force of infantry and cavalry under Gen. Lee, in person, as having gone up the She

they fear will be taken by the advance of Gen. Sheridan,

Adam Johnson's Rebels Routed,

The Guerrilla Woodward died at Hepkinsville

There is four feet of water on the shoals of the

river here, and it is rising slowly.

four.

Johnson is reported mortally wounded.

killed.

CLARESVILLE, TENN., AUGUST 20.

CLARKSVILLE, August 21.

and also to attack Washington and invade the North.

assert that this budy of robel troops number as

gained in the same way.

quarter in a very short time.

The roads are very heavy and the difficulty

military operations in the field has been increase

Our losses in the recent fighting here have be

lost some by captures, but not as much as we have

BALTIMORE, August 22.

A Great Battle Expected-Our Losse

As soon as the enemy were

FRIDAY NIGHT.

ILLINOIER.

opposite ditch. While this was going on the

FORT GAINES, ALA., Aug. 12, 1864. In the lull between the pounding of our fleet at surrender, it may be not amiss to consider more carefully the result of the brilliant achievement of our fleet, under the noble old Admiral, than was possible in my hasty chronicle of the fight was the immediate result of the wounding written and dispatched on the 5th inst., just her Division (General Cutler's) and supported od after the entry of the fleet inside the Bay of the right by the Third Division of the Ninth Corps. | Mobile.

During the time of this engagement, only about Now that the first glow of enthusiasm and delight at our brilliant success has had time to be tempered by sober reason, and the colder feelings of reflection have been permitted to come more fully into play, we can the better appre- up the white flag and surrender the beat to our ciate the measure of success which has attended appointed in not getting a hand in the fight before Petersburg at the time of the blow- us in this great victory.

Unlike most of the achievements of the w ing up of the Rebel fort. They had a hand in yesterday, and nobly did they and their commands ac- this success of Admiral Farragut, splendid as it her. was to a superficial observer in its first fruits. effectually repulsed, our forces commenced fortify- grows into infinitely greater value and importance the more we consider and understand capacity. r heavy fortifications back on the right, and with what it actually has succeeded in accomplishing. | po

no doubt of being able to hold the eligible position The triumphant entry of the fleet inside the they had gained on this great highway of rebel pay under the blazing thunders of the guus of Morgan and Gaines, and through a channel sown with torpedos dangers more formidable than Sevua and Charybdis combined, was an semy made a most desperate attempt to drive our act for which the pages of history can show no parallel; but all these accomplished, the work would have been half undone had the destruction of the rebel fleet inside the harbor been left incomplete. Without undertaking to belittle the wonderful achievement which successfully carried our fleet inside the harbor of Mobile, I Fort Morgan until dark, and around in to sustain the attack, and the enemy am fully persuaded that the victory over the rebel gunboats, especially the formidable ram Tennessee, in its immediate and remote results, tary operations on both sides, and no other movewas of at least equal importance to the nation to ments of importance have transpired. As soon as the passage of the fleet inside the forts.

The Robel ram Tennessee, in the extraordiary fight with nearly half our entire fleet, which took place inside the harbor, proved to show how great a danger we have escape erself one of the most formidable crafts for b ed, and an inspection of her which I have been permitted to make, shows with what justice the I have just time to say, this morning, that our ble to sink an entire fleet.

Her hull was originally intended for a man-ofgood and strong. The Second Corns and other rees are arriving from the extreme right, and this war, and is put together in the most stanch being a vital point to the Confederacy, a grand and substantial manner in which it is possible to away and displaced by the action of the shots build a vessel. Her length is about one hundred and eighty feet.

In form she varies from the old Merrimac. hough evidently a modification of that unforheavy, but not half that of the enemy. We have

You may look for very interesting news from this General Lee Beparted to be Moving up The Point Lookout correspondent of the

stated, are composed of five inches of iron plating, backed with two feet of solid oak backing, through which, in the fight with our fleet, no ball succeeded in piercing. Her ports, of which there are two on either side, and one fore and aft are closed by means of two shutters which with her entire crew; also, he has disabled Death of Woodward, The Guerrilla-Col. yesterday from the effects of his wound. His command have separated and scattered in different di-The Rebel Col. Adam Johnson is reported at Mad-tually so deranged as to prevent their being ward, toward Mobile or beyond there, where-sonville with a force 1,200 strong, evidently making opened, while a third, the after one, was shot ever she can find a resting place for the sole of isonville with a force 1,290 strong, evidently making opened, while a third, the after one, was shot away entirely, the pivot on which it revolved her foot.

There is four feet of water on the shoals of the being broken off, and it was through this that

recting a gunner to clear away some splinters with which it had become filled.

It is a curious and interesting proof of the excellence of our gunners that some ten shots struck in close contiguity to this port which it was early discovered it was impossible for her crew to close and in fact this really became the heel of Achilles to the fated Tennessee. Somewhere between forty and fifty shots struck her during the fight in nearly every part of the boat. Major Tyler, of the 52d Kentucky, attacked Col. Adam Johnson's forces, near Princeton, this morn-A party of the 83d Illinois, under Capt. Turnbull, were sttacked and badly cut up yesterday below during the fight in nearly every part of the boat, mand. Capt. Turnbull and eight of his men were but not one penetrated her impervious armor. One fifteen-inch shell from the Monitor Manhattan, as is supposed, made a deep indentation which must have caused her to stagger, but of that diseased and consumptive patient worse bounded off from her ribs of steel. The im-The Rebels at Gaines' Landing-Morgan-

The shooting away of her smoke

has been by some given as the cause of her sur-render. Nothing can be more absurd. The cfthe portals of Fort Morgan and its probable early than to lessen her draft slightly, as it was only shot away above her upper deck with which it rested; of manner have anything to do with the causing terrible hammering at her by our fleet from every side, the derangement of her ports and of three of her guns

and the severing of her rudder chains, ren her to a great extent unmanageable. Finally demoralization of her crew at the sigi of her fallen Admiral mortally wounded, as was supposed at the time, caused them to run

The machinery of the Tennessee has been of greater power put in than those first assigned ough capable of making greater speed than orrow, and with a little repairing, which ca the new channel permits her to get there, a

Had this craft, with her three wooden consorts, the Selma, the Gaines, and the Morgan, been content to have lain quietly under the guns of without a shadow of doubt, have succeeded in sinking or destroying half of our ships and gunf not all: as the darkness would have led assuredly and unmistakably Rebel Admiral Buchapan claimed that she was Her iron armor all over shows the deep indenon plates are, many of them, bent and warped by the tremendous blows which she has received, my of her iron plates have been torn

But for all this, the ramming she received Lackawanna, and the Monongabela, who severearn to open in her unvielding hull, and she is to-day just as seaworthy as before the fight, and me of her scars shall have been heated ron in bars eight inches wide crossing each other she will do just as effective service for us in repelling foreign foes as she did against us in ands of domestic ones. With a few Yankee improvements in non-essentials, she will, I trust, ive long to the glory of the heroic old Commo-

New York, where she would, in certain possi

our late achievement in th

First-The heroic old Admiral has taken hi wooden ships, manned with iron hearts, many as 40,000, their purpose being to secure the plan-der that was captured by Early in Maryland, which like those of the old Merrimac, and as before

aft, are closed by means of iron shutters, which revolve upon a pivot in the center of one side, and are worked by means of a cog wheel on the inside in a very simple and expeditious manner.

They are liable, however, to derangement, and in the engagement with our float in the engagement with her entire crew; also, he has disabled the gunboat Gaines, and caused her to run under the walls of Fort Morgan, where she was burned to the water's edge on the 9th inst., and burned to the water's edge on the 9th inst.

Third, We have been enabled to throw a land the fragment of shell entered which wounded force, under the brave Col. Grier of the 77th the robel Admiral, as he was standing near directing a gunner to clear away some splinters Fort Morgan, which completely isolates that

open the gates to Mobile and the State of Alabama, and sent a sickening thrill of dismay and despondency to the uttermost ends of the Confederacy, which will rack the rheumatic bones

FROM MOBILE BAY.

Interpretable of the Rebel Ram Tennessee Inside

View of Her Before and After the Fight—

Her Great Strength and Weakness—The the garrison of Fort Morgan, netwithstanding th ammunition for six months, and should defend the fort while they lasted.

This is bombast, of course, and worth what it may be proven to amount to course of inture events. Thank God the world is yet advancing, and the first streakings of the vn glimmer through the darkness. J. B. C.

What English Language can be Made to

The following account of the late naval fight in

set of the analysis and considered on the sample.

It capt. Cary is not outdoor by his peers, and well does he show himself worthy of the contidence of the brave boys, who turned worth of the contidence of the brave boys, who turned to charan, of the tilst Alabama, is not contidence of the baston covered by the tilst of the contidence of the baston covered by the tilst of the contidence of the baston covered by the tilst of the contidence of the baston covered by the contidence over his men, every time the Federais his that the contidence over his men, every time the Federais his that the control of the carry.

But over and conspicuous above all, two tall forms tower unboundingly over the highest parapets. Here is Major Geo, whose sarcastd smite seems to laught away the danger he so recklessly dares. He commands the ist Alabama Battalion; that holde corps, so loss a divergance on the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the ist Alabama Battalion; that folde corps, so loss a divergance on the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the baston covers the control of the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the baston covers the control of the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the dranger he so recklessly dares and the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the dranger he so recklessly dares and the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the heart were deather than the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the heart were thought to have been water the dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the heart were thought to have been water thought to have been water to be dranger he so recklessly dares. He commands the heart were thought to have been water than the control of the dranger he so recklessly dares he control of the dranger he s

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for the possession of Mobile Bay, having lasted two hours and a half, and resulted disastrously, but not ingloriously, to our arms.

Of the garrison of Fort Morgan the people may well be proud, and well may they confide in them that as long as they will be able to support animal life the Confederate flag shall wave ever her ramparts.

Each man did his duty nobly. In the presence of danger, the ties of former friendship and confidence between officers and men recovered their power, and an eager desire was evinced by each man to implicitly rely on the courage and ability of his immediate superloy. The men had, most of them at letst, never been under fire, and few, even of the oldest soldiers, could remember one more terrific. The enemy fired no doubt over 3000 shots, mainly shell; and although their practice was bad, and they struck the fort not over seven times, and exploded but two shells inside, yet the bombardment, short as it was, is one of the hottest of the war. But the brave men never flinched—each successful shot was followed by hurrabs and cheers, and they even too freely exposed their persons to the enemy's balls for the sole purpose of judging of the effects of their own shots. They not only fought valiantly, but cheerfully, gaily, and wish that care-for-nothing recklessness which is the stamp for genuine bravery. We speak now of the last samp tof genuine bravery, we speak now of the last alabama Battaiion.

As to the list Tennessee, they had not only new laurels to gain, but old ones to preserve, and they acred with the coolness and camness of veterans who knew what danger is and how to face it.

Capt. Cothran's company of the 2d Alabama volun-

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